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## Selected Statements

(Sec. Weinberger continued)

SECRETARY WEINBERGER: Well, you won't need a graduate of MIT to operate all the weapons systems. You'll need one, maybe, to design some of them. But -- and they are more complex than they used to be. There's no question about that.

But I think that we are attracting the kind and the numbers of people that we need right now by the all-volunteer armed force. We may not be able to continue to do it that way.

But one of the things we have to do is increase the pay, because we've been shamefully low. As you know, some of the service people who support their families have had to go on food stamps, and that is a complete disgrace, I think.

I think we're getting enough by the volunteer method now. And, of course, the President and I are both very strongly opposed to the compulsive element that's in the draft.

If we find we're not getting enough people to man the new weapons and new systems and new ships that we're seeking and we feel we have to have, well, then, we would of course go to the President and advise him that, unfortunately, not it appeared we had to use other methods.

But I think if we could raise the salaries and we could do one other thing which is fully as important, and that is to increase the appreciation that the American people feel for the armed services and the honor that they pay to them for doing this very difficult job for the benefit of all of us, that we will attract enough of the people that we need to help in this rearmament process.

It is people that will determine it, ultimately. And that's been our great secret weapon in the past, and still is.

Pres. Reagan

20 Apr 81

Statement by the President

(Federal Public Relations)

Today, I am asking the heads of all Federal departments and agencies to impose an immediate moratorium on the production and procurement of new audiovisual aids and Government publications. The Federal Government is spending too much money on public relations, publicity, and advertising. Much of this waste consists of unnecessary and expensive films, magazines, and pamphlets.

I am keeping the pledge I made to this country to cut out wasteful spending by the Federal Government. While we have a duty to keep the citizens of this country accurately and fully informed about Government programs and activities, we should not use this as a license to produce films, pamphlets, and magazines that do not truly serve the public interest.

Over the past few months, many of you have sent examples to us of publications and pamphlets, most of them unsolicited, that you felt were useless and a waste of the taxpayer's dollars. We are grateful for this contribution to our efforts to eliminate waste in this area. Additionally, some Federal agencies have already conducted their own reviews of public relations activity. Their investigations indicate that there is potential for significant savings from a review of this type in all our departments and agencies.

I am asking the heads of agencies and departments to impose a government-wide comprehensive review of current and planned spending may be conducted. I am asking the head of each department and agency to develop specific plans to

prevent abuses in the future. I have instructed the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue procedures and guidelines to carry out the directive, to assist agencies in developing plans, and to monitor the savings. I am requesting that all departments and agencies begin their reviews immediately and report their progress and plans no later than July 15, 1981.

During these difficult economic times, we cannot afford to waste time and money on activities that have limited benefit to the people of this country. Controlling spending on public relations, publicity, and advertising is an important contribution to our overall goal of cutting out waste in the Federal Government.